

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, please replace paragraph [0008] with the following new paragraph:

[0008] Accordingly, it is a general object of the present invention to provide an improved keyboard. It is a particular object of the present invention to provide an improved portable keyboard. It is still another particular object of the present invention to provide an improved portable keyboard having a reduced-size enclosure for use with a portable information terminal. It is a further particular object of the present invention to provide an improved portable keyboard having a reduced-size enclosure with a removable cover to protect the keyboard during transit. It is a still further particular object of the present invention to provide an improved portable keyboard having a mostly standard desktop keyboard size keys held in a reduced-size enclosure with a removable cover to protect the keys during transit. It is yet another particular object of the present invention to provide an improved portable keyboard having a removable cover to protect the keyboard during transit and which cover cooperates with a reduced-size enclosure to hold a USB connector and cable therein during transit. And, it is still another particular object of the present invention to provide an improved portable keyboard having a reduced-size enclosure with a slidably removable cover, which cover when removed, can be used to support the keyboard in a number of positions.

Page 5, please replace paragraph [0016] with the following new paragraph:

[0016] FIG. 6 is a further cross-sectional view of the improved keyboard ~~is~~ slid into and supported in a flat operating position in the cover;

Page 7, please replace paragraph [0022] with the following new paragraph:

[0022] As best shown in Figures 1 and 4 – 7 the housing 21 of base 18 includes cover cooperating portions, such as openings or slots 30 formed along ~~at least~~ two narrow elongated front and rear side edges or walls 32, two narrow sides, a substantially flat bottom surface 34 and a narrow peripheral top edge 36 surrounding the keys 22, ~~and having raised~~ Raised portions or sections 38 are included on at least three corners. One or more of the raised portions or sections 38 may include extending or perpendicular arms 40 (see Figure 7) to allow the cable 16, if used, to be wrapped around the sections 38 and held in place between the housing and the cover 20, when transporting the keyboard 10. Furthermore, as best shown in Figure 2 ~~3~~, the base 18 may include a specifically shaped holding portion 42 formed in or secured to the housing 21, for capturing and holding the USB connector 14 when the cable 16 is wrapped around the sections 38.

Page 7, please replace paragraph [0023] with the following new paragraph:

[0023] Turning now to Figures 2 – 7, the cover 20 comprises a substantially flat top 44 and preferably includes an extending portion 46 on one side to cover and cooperate with the holding portion 42 and to

aid in holding or capturing the USB connector therebetween, when the cover is completely slid on the housing 21. The cover 20 preferably has an open U-shaped configuration with elongated sides 48, 50, an open end 52 (see Figure 3) and a closed end 54 connected between the sides. As shown in Figure 3, the cover 20 is slidable onto and off the base 18 in the direction of the arrow 55. The lower edges, ends or portions 56, 58 of the sides 48, 50 include lower cooperating portions, such as bent-over portions, flanges, or inwardly projecting areas or portions that extend toward each other at approximately 90° to the sides 48, 50 and substantially along the length of these sides (as shown in Figure 3). The flanges 56, 58 are inserted into the open ends of the slots 30 to cooperate with or fit into and are be easily movable into or slidable in along the slots cooperating portions for movement of the cover onto and off the housing 21. The closed end 54 of the cover 20 and the closed ends of the slots 30 (see Figures 1 and 7) limit the movement of the cover onto the base 18 (see Figure 2).

Pages 7 and 8, please replace paragraph [0024] with the following new paragraph:

[0024] As shown in Figure 2 7, the slots 30 may include one or more outwardly extending projections 31 for cooperation with reduced area portions in the lower edges flanges 56, 58 to firmly hold the cover 20 in the closed position on the ~~enclosure~~ housing 21 over the keys 22, but to allow the cover to be easily slid off of the ~~enclosure~~ housing when sufficient force is applied.